

## SECTION 3 SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES

### 3.1 GENERAL.

All charges applicable to a service shall be charges against the owner and customer of record, although the applicant for such services may have been another person. Charges begin with the use of the water meter, its reactivation, granting a non-user exemption or the sewer service connection. These charges end upon notice to discontinue.

Customers are responsible for furnishing their correct address to the Authority. Failure to receive bills will not be considered an excuse for nonpayment, nor permit an extension of the date when the account will be considered delinquent. Bills for water service are mailed monthly and shall be due and payable in full when rendered. Checks, money orders, etc., shall be made payable to the Greenville County Water and Sewer Authority and all payments shall be mailed to or made at the Greenville County Water and Sewer Office, or at such other places as may be officially designated. There shall be no abatement of the minimum charges, in whole or in part due to the extended absence of the customer unless service has been discontinued at this request.

The Authority may establish special rates and may enter into contract with any person, political subdivision or public body for the wholesale or retail sale of water, the provision of any unusual water service, or the provision of any sanitary sewerage provided, however, that the rates and charges to be applied there are fair and equitable. The actual cost of providing such services, the terms of any trust agreement under which bonds were issued to pay for any part of either system, the requirements of any related Grantor, and the effective length of such a service contract shall be accounted and taken into consideration.

Any damage to the facilities of the Authority shall be paid for by the responsible party or parties.

### 3.2 WATER SERVICE.

The following rates and charges for water service shall be applicable within the service areas and Jurisdictional Area of the Authority.

A. CONNECTION CHARGE. All applicants for water service shall be subject to the payment of a connection charge at the time of application for such service. The connection charge will be refunded, without interest, if the service application is disapproved or denied.

The purpose of the connection charge is to defray the cost of installation of service connection from the distribution main in the street to the property line and to defray, in part, the cost of installing the water system, including the storage facilities, transmission and distribution mains, pumping stations, house connections, meters and appurtenances.

The following rates and charges for water service on existing water line shall be applicable for structures and lots located on public rights-of-way up to 50 feet and being located within the service areas and Jurisdictional Area of the Authority. For those structures located on rights-of-way greater than 50 feet, the following connection fees or the actual cost of installing the service lateral to the property line, whichever is greater will be charged.

1. Residential. Residential connection charges are based on the installation of a 5/8 x 3/4 inch meter per service connection.

- a. Single Family Residential.

- (1) During Notification Period, per unit \$480.00  
After Notification Period, per unit \$960.00

Installment Contract – the Authority may allow an installment contract to pay Connection charges in no more than ten (10) equal monthly payments. The interest rate on such installment is six (6) percent.

- (2) Within new residential subdivisions in which the developer or sub-divider constructs the water system complete, including service connections and meters at his expense, per unit \$480.00

- b. Multi-Family Dwellings.

Includes, but not limited to, Condominiums, Duplexes, Townhouses, Apartments, Apartment Houses, Cooperatives, etc. being served from one master water meter.

- (1) For first dwelling unit:  
During Notification Period, per unit \$480.00  
After Notification Period, per unit \$960.00

- (2) For each additional one bedroom dwelling unit:  
During Notification Period, per unit \$168.00  
After Notification Period, per unit \$336.00

- (3) For each additional two bedroom dwelling unit:  
During Notification Period, per unit \$240.00  
After Notification Period, per unit \$480.00

- (4) For each additional three or more bedroom dwelling units:

During Notification Period, per unit \$336.00  
After Notification Period, per unit \$672.00

- (4) For single buildings with one hundred or more dwelling units, the connection charge shall be negotiated and shall under no circumstances be less than \$23,040.00

c. Mobile Homes and Mobile Home Parks.

Being served from one master water meter.

- (1) Single trailer:  
During Notification Period, per unit \$480.00  
After Notification Period, per unit \$960.00
- (2) Trailer Courts, for each of the first 10 lots:  
During Notification Period, per unit \$312.00  
After Notification Period, per unit \$624.00
- (3) Trailer Courts, larger than 10 lots:  
The charge will be based on 85 percent of the total potential number of lots; if the resultant is a fraction it will be raised to the next highest whole number.

d. Notification Period.

The notification period referred to in this section shall be 90 days following the issuance through public notice of such period by the Authority. Generally the notification period will commence following the completion of construction of the particular system.

e. Residential Facility Fee

Each residential customer connecting to an existing water main will pay a Residential Facility Fee in addition to the stated connection fee. \$400.00

2. Commercial, Industrial and Institutional. The minimum connection charge for any commercial business establishment shall be \$960.00, except that during a notification period, the minimum connection fee shall be \$480.00. The minimum connection charge for any industrial or institutional establishment shall be \$960.00, except that during a notification period the minimum connection fee shall be \$480.00. Connection charges for all commercial, industrial and under the following schedule, will be determined by the Authority based on latest available data pertaining to water demand or usage as established by the State agencies or approved source. The connection charge shall be based on single family residential equivalents being served through one meter.

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| a. | Motels and Motor Court, per unit  | \$210.00 |
|    | During Notification Period, per unit  | \$105.00 |
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| b. | Restaurant and/or Eating Establishments,<br>on Interstate highway or interchange,<br>per seat   | \$288.00 |
|    | During Notification Period  | \$144.00 |
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|    | Not on Interstate highway or interchange,<br>per seat   | \$76.80  |
|    | During Notification period, per seat  | \$38.40  |
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| c. | Drive-In Restaurants. One parking space shall be equivalent to two (2) seats. Seats inside the building will be considered separately and charges according to proceeding schedule. |          |
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| d. | In the event the restaurant is combined with a retail store, the connection charge shall be based on each separate operation.   |          |

3. The above stated rates and charges are based upon the installation of a 5/8 x 3/4 inch water meter at each service connection. Should a larger size meter be required or requested by any customer, the additional cost to the customer shall be determined by the Authority based upon the additional cost incurred by the Authority plus fifteen percent for administration cost.

B. SERVICE CHARGE. All water service customers shall be subject to the payment of a minimum monthly service charge. A service active for less than one month's billing period shall be subject to the minimum rate, or the metered rates, whichever is larger. No abatement of the monthly minimum service charge shall be made for leaks or for water wasted by improper or damaged service pipes or fixtures owned by the customer.

Owner-Occupied Structures: Prior to connection, applicant (of owner/occupied structures or tenant occupied structures when the owner accepts responsibility for the payment of the monthly bill) shall make a deposit equal to the proposed service charge for two months. The deposit shall be held in escrow, and the amount held in escrow shall bear no interest. Upon refund of such deposit, the Authority shall be permitted to deduct from the deposit any amount then owed from the applicant who is entitled to the refund, and the Authority shall be required to refund only the excess, if any, by which the deposit exceeds the amount then owed from the applicant. Applicant may request a refund at any time, which request shall be granted if, and only if, one of the following conditions is determined by the Authority to exist:

1. Service has been terminated at the request of the applicant.
2. Service has been terminated by action of the Authority, and pursuant to its Rules and Regulations.

3. Twelve (12) months have elapsed from the date of deposit by the applicant, and through the preceding twelve months the applicant has submitted all payments due to the Authority when due.

During the first week of May and November of each year, the Authority shall, without need of application, review the records of any applicant from whom the Authority has received the deposit required hereunder. If that review reveals that the deposit of any applicant was made more than twelve months prior to said review by the Authority, and that during the immediately preceding twelve months all amounts due from the depositor to the Authority have been paid in full when due, then the Authority shall refund to the depositor the deposit held by it, but subject to its right to make deductions there from as aforesaid.

Where a customer will be a water and sewer customer both, a deposit will be collected for two months for the higher utility bill and not for both.

Rental Structures: Prior to connection, the applicant (tenant) shall make a deposit equal to the proposed service charge, penalty and applicable consumer utility tax for three months plus the disconnection charge. The deposit shall be held in escrow, and the amount held in escrow, shall bear no interest. The Authority shall be permitted to deduct from the deposit any amount then owed from the applicant who is entitled to the refund, and the Authority shall be required to refund only the excess, if any, by which the deposit exceeds the amount then owed from the applicant. Applicant may request a refund at any time, which request shall be granted if, and only if, one of the following conditions is determined by the Authority to exist:

1. Service has been terminated at the request of the applicant.
2. Service has been terminated by action of the Authority, and pursuant to its Rules and Regulations.

The property owner will be notified within thirty (30) days of a tenant's delinquency in paying a bill.

For a complete listing of deposit charges, refer to GCWSA administrative office.

Right of Offset: Any deposit submitted by any applicant for service from the Authority, whether for sewer service or water service or any overpayment of connection fees or other fees, may thereafter be refunded in accordance with the Authority Rules and Regulations. However, at the time Authority is considering making a refund to any applicant, it shall be entitled to a "right of offset". Before approving such a refund to any applicant, the Authority's agent shall determine whether there are any delinquent amounts owed from such applicant to the Authority. In the event of such delinquent accounts, then the refund which would otherwise have been made to the applicant shall first be used towards payment of the delinquent accounts, and for the purpose, the entire refund which would otherwise have been made may be applied in full, if necessary towards payment of the delinquent accounts.

1. Residential User. Minimum fee of \$19.41 per month for up to 3,000 gallons of water per month, plus an additional \$6.47 for each 1,000 gallons per month used in excess of 3,000 gallons.
2. Commercial User. Commercial water service charges shall be based on the actual water consumption and on a rate of \$6.82 per 1,000 gallons up to 1,000,000 gallons per month. No bill shall be rendered for less than the minimum monthly service charge of \$20.44 per month. Service charges for consumption exceeding 1,000,000 gallons per month shall be determined by the Authority and adjusted from time to time to cover as a minimum all capital and operational and maintenance expenses as incurred by the Authority.

Industrial User. Industrial water service charges shall be based on the actual water consumption and on a rate of \$6.78 per 1,000 gallons up to 1,000,000 per month. Usage greater than a million but less than 15 million the rate is \$5.59 per 1,000 gallons. Usage greater than 15 million is \$5.15 per 1,000 gallons. No bill shall be rendered for less than the minimum monthly service charges of \$20.44 per month. Service charges for consumption exceeding 1,000,000 gallons per month shall be determined by the Authority and adjusted from time to time to cover as a minimum all capital and operational and maintenance expenses as incurred by the Authority.

Institutional User. Institutional water service charges shall be based on the actual water consumption on a rate of \$7.55 per 1,000 gallons up to 1,000,000 gallons per month. Usage greater than a million the rate is \$6.23 per 1,000 gallons. No bill shall be rendered for less than the minimum monthly service charge of \$22.64 per month. Service charges for consumption exceeding 1,000,000 gallons per month shall be determined by the Authority and adjusted from time to time to cover as a minimum all capital and maintenance expenses as incurred by the Authority.

3. Non-user Service Charge. Those residential, commercial, industrial and institutions having been granted a non-user exemption shall not be required to discontinue the use of its potable water supply but shall be required to pay a non-user service charge. The monthly non-user service charge shall be calculated by dividing the total debt service cost by dividing the total debt service cost by the total budgeted operating and total debt service costs multiplied time the residential equivalent minimum monthly service charge. The non-user service charge is subject to annual review and change.
4. The purpose of the above charges is to defray all other costs of providing water facilities, including transmission, distribution, storage and treatment, including repayment of moneys borrowed to acquire or construct the water system, operation and maintenance, renewals,

replacements and extensions, as well as costs incurred in clerical and bookkeeping activities, and meter reading as required for each service.

5. Billing. Bills for water service shall be rendered monthly to each water customer unless established otherwise by the Authority.
6. Grace Period and Penalty.
  - a. Bills are due when rendered. The grace period of the payment of all service charges shall be thirty calendar days. At the expiration of this time, service will be discontinued by the Authority. After twenty calendar days of the bill being rendered, a penalty of ten percent (10%) will be applied to the bill.
  - b. Upon reapplication for service and upon payment of a service charge of sixty dollars (\$60.00) and the past due amount and penalty, service shall be reinstated.
  - c. In all cases where there are past due charges due the Authority, the owner of record and customer of record of the property shall be held responsible or liable for payment of these outstanding accounts.
  - d. Partial payments. The Rules and Regulations permit installment payments of past due accounts when such accounts fall within the following category and when the responsible party agrees to sign an installment contract as drawn up by the County Attorney.
  - e. A fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00) will be charged for all returned checks.
  - f. Delinquent Accounts Service may be reinstated upon reapplication for service and upon payment of a service charge of sixty dollars (\$60.00) as referred to in 3.2-6-b and the past due amount and penalties being set up for payment by entering into agreement (installment contract).

Only one installment contract per account can be in effect at any given time, when entered into pursuant to paragraph f above and only up to a ten (10) month duration.

C. ACCOUNT CHARGE. All applicants for water service shall be subject to the payment of an account charge. Twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) will be assessed against each new service, new non-user service or transfer of service, to defray the cost incurred in clerical and bookkeeping activities.

D. METER RELOCATION CHARGE. If a customer requests the relocation of a meter, the charge assessed shall be a minimum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) plus the applicable connection fee from Article (a), Item 1, 2 or 3.

E. FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE. A fire protection service charge shall be assessed against the political subdivision in which the Authority's water system is constructed. Its purpose is to defray some of the cost of installing water mains, reservoirs and fire hydrants of sufficient size to provide fire protection service within the project service areas and to all properties adjacent to the system. The annual service charge shall be computed on the basis of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) per fire hydrant. Bills for fire protection service shall be rendered annually at the beginning of each fiscal year to the respective political subdivision and its governing body.

F. FILLING OF SWIMMING POOLS. If a customer request the filling of a swimming pool from a hydrant:

1. The service charge assessed shall be two hundred dollars (\$200.00) plus the cost of water at the prevailing rate.
2. Pools will be filled only during regular working hours, Monday through Friday.

G. DISCONNECTION CHARGE AND RECONNECTION CHARGE. In the event a structure temporarily becomes vacant for a period of time, the Owner or customer of record may request that service be discontinued only until the structure is occupied again. The charge for disconnection of service shall be thirty dollars (\$30.00) to cover the personnel and bookkeeping cost. Upon reapplication for service and payment of a sixty dollar (\$60.00) service charge and any past due amounts, service shall be reinstated.

1. Service Charge. If water is turned off at customer's request for any reason or if a service call is made due to a customer's request and the problem which exist is the responsibility of the customer a thirty dollar (\$30.00) service fee will be charged. Re-Reads are excluded from this policy.

H. ENFORCEMENT OF CHARGES AND FEES.

1. Only those persons who have been granted a non-user exemption shall be classified as such. All those remaining, having been sent a notification letter; shall be classified as users. The failure to apply for service constitutes a regular user status.
2. In the event the physical connection is not made at the expiration of the notification period, the balance of the connection fee is then due and payable to the Authority the same as if the connection had been made.
3. The minimum service charge, either user or non-user applicable to the property, as if the physical connection had been made, shall begin to



accrue as of the expiration of the notification period and shall be payable the same as if such connection had been made as of that date and service was rendered.

4. The notification period referred to in this section shall be 90 days.

### 3.3 SANITARY SEWERAGE SERVICE.

The following rates and charges for sanitary sewerage service shall be applicable within the service areas and Jurisdictional Area of the Authority.

A. CONNECTION CHARGE. All applicants for sewer service shall be subject to the payment of a connection charge at the time of application for such service. The connection charge will be refunded, without interest, if the service application is disapproved or denied.

The purpose of the connection charge is to defray the cost of installation of service connection from the collector sewer in the street to the property line and to defray, in part, the cost of installing the sewerage system, including the interceptors, collection system, service connections and other appurtenances such as pumping and treatment facilities.

The following rates and charges for sewer service on existing sewer lines shall be applicable for structures and lots located on public right-of-way up to fifty feet (50') and no more than six (6) feet deep being located within the service areas and Jurisdictional Area of the Authority. For those structures located on rights-of-way greater than fifty feet (50') or sewer mains deeper than six (6) feet the following connection fees or the actual cost of installing the service lateral to the property line, whichever is greater will be charged.

1. Residential. Residential connection charges are based on the installation of 5/8" x 3/4" meter per service connections.

- a. Single Family Dwellings.

- (1) During Notification Period, per unit \$660.00
- (2) After Notification Period, per unit \$1,320.00  
Installment Contract – the Authority may allow an installment contract to pay connection charges in no more than ten (10) equal payments. The interest rate on such installments is six (6) percent.
- (3) Within new residential subdivisions in which the developer or sub-divider constructs the sewerage system complete, including house service connections, at his expense, per unit \$660.00

- b. Multi-Family Dwellings. Includes, but not limited to Condominiums, Duplexes, Townhouses, Apartments, Apartment Houses, Cooperatives, etc.

- (1) For first dwelling unit:

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|  | During Notification Period, per unit | \$660.00   |
|  | After Notification Period, per unit  | \$1,320.00 |
- (2) For each additional one bedroom dwelling unit:
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|  | During Notification Period, per unit | \$231.00 |
|  | After Notification Period, per unit  | \$462.00 |
- (3) For each additional two bedroom dwelling unit:
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|  | During Notification Period, per unit | \$330.00 |
|  | After Notification Period, per unit  | \$660.00 |
- (4) For each additional three or more bedroom dwelling unit:
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|  | During Notification Period, per unit | \$462.00 |
|  | After Notification Period, per unit  | \$924.00 |
- (5) For single buildings with one hundred or more dwelling units, the connection charge shall be negotiated and shall under no circumstances be less than \$33,000.00

c. Mobile Homes and Mobile Home Parks.

- (1) Single trailer:
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|  | During Notification Period, per unit | \$660.00   |
|  | After Notification Period, per unit  | \$1,320.00 |
- (2) Trailer Courts, for each of the first 10 lots:
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|  | During Notification Period, per unit | \$429.00 |
|  | After Notification Period, per unit  | \$858.00 |
- (3) Trailer Courts, larger than 10 lots:  
The charge will be based on 85 percent of the total potential number of lots; if the resultant is a fraction, it will be raised to the next highest whole number.

- d. Notification Period. The notification period referred to in this section shall be 90 days following the issuance through public notice of such period by the Authority. Generally the notification period will commence following the completion of the construction of the particular system.

- e. Residential Facility Fee. Each residential customer connecting to an existing sewer main will pay a Residential Facility fee in addition to the stated connection fee. \$835.00
2. Commercial, Industrial and Institutional. The minimum connection charge for any commercial business establishment shall be \$1,320.00, except that during a notification period, the minimum connection fee shall be \$660.00. The minimum connection charge for any industrial or institutional establishment shall be \$1,320.00, except that during a notification period the minimum connection fee shall be \$660.00. Connection charges for all commercial, industrial and institutional establishments, which are not readily classified under the following schedule, will be determined by the Authority based on latest available data pertaining to water demand or usage as established by the State agencies or approved source. The connection charge shall be based on single family residential equivalents being served through one meter.
    - a. Motels and Motor Court, per unit \$288.00  
 During Notification Period, per unit \$144.00
    - b. Restaurant and/or eating establishments.
 

On interstate highway or interchange, per seat	\$396.00
After Notification Period, per unit	\$198.00
Not on interstate highway or interchange, per seat	\$105.60
During Notification Period, per seat	\$52.80
    - c. Drive-In Restaurant. One parking space shall be equivalent to two (2) seats. Seats inside the building will be considered separately and charged according to preceding schedule.
    - d. In the event the restaurant is combined with a retail store, the connection charge shall be based on each separate operation.

B. SERVICE CHARGE. All sewer service customers shall be subject to the payment of a monthly minimum service charge. A service active for less than one month's billing period shall be subject to the same payment. No abatement of the monthly minimum service charge shall be made for any reason.

Owner-Occupied Structures: Prior to connection applicant (of owner/occupied structures or tenant occupied structures when the one accepts responsibility for the payment of the monthly bill) shall make a deposit equal to the proposed service charge for two months. The deposit shall be held in escrow, and the amount held in escrow shall bear no interest. Upon refund of such deposit, the Authority shall be permitted to deduct from the deposit any amount then owed from the applicant who is entitled to the refund, and the Authority shall be required

to refund only the excess, if any, by which the deposit exceeds the amount then owed from the applicants. Applicants may request a refund at any time, which request shall be granted if, and only if, one of the following conditions is determined by the Authority to exist.

1. Service has been terminated at the request of applicant
2. Service has been terminated by action of the Authority, and pursuant to its Rules and Regulations.
3. Twelve (12) months have lapsed from the date of deposit by the applicant, and throughout the preceding twelve months the applicant has submitted all payments due to the Authority when due.

During the first week of May and November of each year, the Authority shall, without need of application, review the records of any applicant from whom the Authority has received the deposit required hereunder. If that review reveals that the deposit of any applicant was made more than twelve months prior to said review by the Authority, and that during the immediately preceding twelve months all amounts due from the depositor to the Authority have been paid in full when due, then the Authority shall refund to the depositor the deposit held by it, but subject to its right to make deductions there from as aforesaid.

Where a customer will be a water and sewer customer both, a deposit will be collected for two months for the higher utility bill and not for both.

Rental Structures: Prior to connection, the applicant (tenant) shall make a deposit equal to the proposed service charge, penalty and applicable consumer utility tax for three months plus the disconnection charge. The deposit shall be held in escrow, shall bear no interest. The Authority shall be permitted to deduct from the deposit any amount then owed from the applicant who is entitled to the refund, and the Authority shall be required to refund only the excess, if any, by which the deposit exceeds the amount then owed from the applicant. Applicant may request a refund at any time, which request shall be granted if, and only if, one of the following conditions are determined by the Authority to exist:

1. Service has been terminated at the request of the applicant.
2. Service has been terminated by action of the Authority and pursuant to its Rules and Regulations.

The property owner will be notified within thirty (30) days of a tenant's delinquency in paying bill.

For a complete listing of deposit charges, refer to the Office Procedural Manual.

Right of Offset: Any deposit submitted by any applicant for service from the Authority, whether for sewer service or water service or any overpayment of connection fees or other fees, may thereafter be refunded in accordance with the Authority Rules and Regulations. However, at the time the Authority is considering making a refund to any applicant, it shall be entitled to a "right-of-offset". Before approving such a refund to any

applicant, the Authority's agent shall determine whether there are any delinquent amounts owed from such applicant to the Authority. In the event of such delinquent accounts, then the refund which would otherwise have been made to the applicant shall first be used towards payment of the delinquent accounts, and for the purpose, the entire refund which would otherwise have been made may be applied in full, if necessary towards payment of the delinquent accounts.

1. Residential. Residential sewer service charges shall be based upon the actual water consumption whenever possible. The minimum monthly sewer service charge shall be \$36.21 per unit for the first 4,000 gallons for all residential categories previously described. Thereafter, the supplemental charge shall be based upon a rate of \$7.25 per 1,000 gallons. No bill will be rendered for less than the minimum service charge of \$36.21 per month.
2. Commercial User. Commercial sewer service charges shall be based upon the actual water consumption whenever possible. The minimum monthly sewer service charge shall be \$42.23 per unit for the first 4,000 gallons. Thereafter, the supplemental charge shall be based upon a rate of \$8.44 per 1,000 gallons. No bill will be rendered for less than the minimum service charge of \$42.23 per month. Service charges for consumption exceeding 1,000,000 gallons per month shall be determined by the Authority and adjusted from time to time to cover as a minimum all capital and operational and maintenance expenses as incurred by the Authority.

Industrial User. Industrial sewer service charges shall be based upon the actual water consumption whenever possible. The minimum monthly sewer service charge shall be \$42.23 per unit for the first 4,000 gallons. Thereafter, the supplemental charges shall be based upon a rate of \$8.44 per 1,000 gallons. No bill will be rendered for less than the minimum service charge of \$42.23 per month. Service charges for consumption exceeding 1,000,000 gallons per month the rate is \$7.67 per 1,000 gallons and adjusted from time to time to cover as a minimum all capital and operational and maintenance expenses as incurred by the Authority.

Institutional User. Institutional sewer service charges shall be based upon the actual water consumption whenever possible. The minimum monthly sewer service charge shall be \$46.87 per unit for the first 4,000 gallons. Thereafter, the supplemental charges shall be based upon a rate of \$9.37 per 1,000 gallons. No bill will be rendered for less than the minimum service charge of \$46.87 per month. Service charges for consumption exceeding 1,000,000 gallons per month the rate is \$ 10.53 per 1,000 gallons and adjusted from time to time to cover as a minimum all capital and operational and maintenance expenses as incurred by the Authority.

3. Non-User Service Charge. Those residential, commercial, industrial and institutions having been granted a non-user exemption shall not be required to discontinue the use of its approved septic system but shall be required to pay a non-user service charge. The monthly non-user service charge shall be calculated by dividing the total debt service cost by the total budgeted operating and total debt service costs multiplied times the residential equivalent minimum monthly service charge. The non-user service charge is subject to annual review and change.
4. Premises not discharging the entire volume of wastes into the sewer will be allowed a reduction in charge provided the customer installs, at his expense, a meter or meters, or other positive means of measurement, satisfactory to the Authority, of the volume either discharged or not discharged into the sewers. Customers using private water supplies may be required to install, at their own expense, a meter or other device for determining the volume of sewage discharged into the sewers.
5. Surcharge Requirements. Wastes of domestic, industrial, commercial, or other origin discharged into the system and which have characteristics that add unduly to the cost of maintenance and operation of the sanitary sewerage facilities of the Authority or adversely affect their performance shall be surcharged into keeping with such special rates as shall be appropriate and adopted by the Authority.

Where operations which are subject to surcharge are of an abnormal or unusual type, the surcharge shall be assessed based on the normal characteristics of wastes from such operations as available from industrial, chemical or engineering texts or where otherwise indicated by the Authority. The Authority may make or require to be made, at the customer's expense, such tests as will provide an adequate basis for the surcharge to be assessed.

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6. Pre-treatment before discharge or elimination of the discharge may be required if in the opinion of the Authority the type of waste and/or the manner of discharge is such as to be detrimental to the Sanitary Sewerage Facilities of the Authority.
7. The purpose of the above charges is to defray all other costs of providing sewerage facilities, including collection, treatment, and disposal for domestic, commercial and industrial establishments, including repayment of moneys borrowed to acquire or construct the sewerage system, operation and maintenance, renewals, replacements and

extensions as well as costs incurred in clerical and bookkeeping activities, and meter reading as required for each service.

8. Billing. Bills for sewer service shall be rendered monthly to each sewer service customer unless established otherwise by the Authority.
9. Grace Period and Penalty.
  - a. Bills are due when rendered. The grace period for the payment of all service charges shall be 30 calendar days. At the expiration of this time, service shall be discontinued by the Authority. After 20 calendar days of the bill being rendered, a penalty of ten percent (10%) will be applied to the bill.
  - b. Upon reapplication for service and upon payment of a service charge of sixty dollars (\$60.00) and the past due amount and penalty, service shall be reinstated.
  - c. In all cases where there are past due charges due the Authority, the Owner of record and customer of record of the property shall be held responsible or liable for payment of these outstanding account.
  - d. A fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00) will be charged for all returned checks.

C. ACCOUNT CHARGE. All applicants for sewer service shall be subject to the payment of an account charge. Twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for each new service or transfer of service to defray the cost incurred in clerical and bookkeeping activities will be assessed against each service customer.

D. SEWER CLEANOUT CHARGE. If a customer request the relocation of a sewer cleanout, the charge assessed should be a minimum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) plus the applicable connection fee from 3.3-A-1, 2 or 3.

E. ENFORCEMENT OF CHARGES AND FEES.

1. If application for service is approved by the Authority and either full connection fee paid or a deposit has been received during the notification period it is mandatory that such service be utilized.
2. In the event the physical connection is not made at the expiration of the notification period, the balance of the connection fee is then due and payable to the Authority the same as if the connection had been made.



3. The minimum service charge applicable to the property, as if the physical connection had been made, shall begin to accrue as of the expiration of the notification period and shall be payable the same as if such connection had been made as of that date and service was rendered.
4. The notification period referred to in this section shall be 90 days.

### ENFORCEMENT.

A. HARMFUL CONTRIBUTIONS. The Authority may suspend the wastewater treatment service and/or a User Permit when such suspension is necessary. In the opinion of the Authority, in order to stop an actual or threatened discharge which presents or may present an imminent or substantial endangerment to the health or welfare of person, to the environment, causes Interference to the treatment facilities or causes the Authority to violate any condition of its VPDES Permit.

Any person notified of a suspension of the wastewater treatment service and/or the User Permit shall immediately stop or eliminate the contribution. In the event of a failure of the person to comply voluntarily with the suspension order, the Authority shall take such steps as deemed necessary including immediate severance of the sewer connection and/or the seeking of legal and equitable relief in the Circuit Court, to prevent or minimize damage to the wastewater treatment facilities or endangerment to any individuals. The Authority shall reinstate the User Permit and/or the wastewater treatment service upon proof of the elimination of the non-complying discharge. A detailed written statement submitted by the User describing the causes of the harmful contribution and the measures taken to prevent any future occurrence shall be submitted to the Authority within fifteen (15) days of the date of occurrence.

B. REVOCATION OF PERMIT. The User who violates the following conditions of this Ordinance, or applicable State and Federal regulations, is subject to having his permit revoked in accordance with the procedures of Section 3 of this Ordinance for:

1. Failure of a User to factually report the wastewater constituents and characteristics of his discharge;
2. Failure of the User to report significant changes in operations, or wastewater constituents and characteristics;
3. Refusal of reasonable access to the User's premises for the purpose of inspection or monitoring; or,
4. Violation of conditions of the permit.

C. NOTIFICATION OF VIOLATION. Whenever the Authority finds that any User has violated or is violating this Ordinance, User Permit or any prohibition, limitation of

requirements contained herein, the Authority may serve upon such person a written notice, a plan for the satisfactory correction thereof shall be submitted to the Authority by the User.

D. LEGAL ACTION. If any person discharges sewage, industrial waste or other wastes into the Authority's treatment works contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance, applicable Federal or State Pretreatment Requirements, or any order of the Authority or if any industrial user refuses access to the Director or his designee for purposes of inspection, the Authority's Attorney may commence an action for appropriate legal and/or equitable relief in the Circuit Court.

E. PENALTIES. The Director shall have the authority to assess on any user who is found to have violated an Order of the Director or who failed to comply with any provision of this Ordinance and the orders, rules, regulations and permits issued hereunder a penalty of \$1,000.00 per day violation. Each day on which a violation shall occur or continue shall be deemed a separate and distinct offense.